	Short term (Seasonal Agricultural Operations)	Short term (Non-seasonal agricultural operations)	Medium term (Non-Schematic)
Sponsor Bank	20	20	20
NABARD	50	50	60
RRBs own involvement	30	30	20

The sponsor banks' refinance outstanding at Present is Rs. 304 crores. The sponsor banks are not to contribute refinance assistance for schematic purposes where NABARD provides refinance, at varying rates, and the balance is met by RRBs own resources, The bulk of the loaning by RRBs falls under schematic refinance.

(b) While the figures relating to reimbursement claims of RRBs pending with the sponsor banks in respect of deputed staff from sponsor bank and their training expenses are not available, the data reported in the profit and loss account for the year 1990-91 shows that an amount of Rs. 823.76 lakhs had been reimbursed to the RRBs by the sponsor banks as subsidy pertaining to salary and allowances in respect of deputed staff and training expenses.

Wages of Sweepers in Regional Rural Banks

2933. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact National Tribunal has awarded that "Sweepers" of Regional Rural Banks are to be given wages as per Sponsoring Banks rates which are guided by the bi-partite agreement; and

(b) if so, what is the number of Regional Rural Banks in the country which have given the said benefit to their sweepers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) In terms of the award of the National Industrial Tribunal for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Officers and employees of RRBs are to be allowed pay scales, allowances and other benefits as applicable to employees of comparable level in sponsor banks. Government orders implementing the Tribunal's award alongwith the equation of posts have been issued on 22.2.91. Since the pay scales of sweepers in sponsor banks which form part of sub-ordinatecadre are guided by bi-partite settlements between employees' association and Indian Banks Association, the sweepers serving in RRBs are also to be allowed the same terms in accordance with the Tribunal's award. The factual information regarding the Regional Rural Banks who have implemented Government's instructions in this regard is not available.

Agitation by Regional Rural Bank Employees

2934. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the issues on which the All India Regional Rural Bank Employees Association has issued a letter to Government for agitation in March, 1992; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to resolve the Issues and to avoid agitation by Regional Rural Bank Employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The issues on which All India Regional Rural Bank Employees Association have given notice of adopting an agitational approach are as follows:

(i) Complete implementation of National Industrial Tribunal Award for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs).

(ii) Payment of arrears in sponsor bank pay scales to RRB employees from 1.9.87 to 31.12.1990.

(iii) Formation of State Level/National Level Rural Bank with amalgamation of 196 RRBs.

(iv) Formation of Negotiating forum for Regional Rural Banks.

(b) Government orders implementing the Award of the National Industrial Tribunal and Equation Committee report had been issued on 22.2.1991. The Payment of arrears to the employees of the RRBs involves an expenditure of around Rs. 225 crores. As RRBs do not have funds of this order, the mechanism for payment of arrears is being worked out by RBI, NABARD and the Government. Some structural changes in the existing organisations of the RRBs may be necessary to make them viable, though the separate indentity of the RRBs will be maintained. The issues that have cropped up in the implementation of the Award have been studied by a Working Group constituted in NABARD. The Working Group has since submitted its report to NABARD who will be soon be advising the Govt. regarding the further action required in the matter.

Smuggling on Indo-Nepal Border of Darjeeling District

2935. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that foreign goods are smuggled through the border areas of Pasupati and Kakaribhitta on the Indo-Nepal border of Darjeeling district; and

(b) if so, what was the value of such goods seized during the last five years in these two places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Available reports indicate that the Indo-Nepal Border including the areas around Pashupati and Panitanki (Kakavita on the Nepal side) of Darjeeling District continue to be sensitive to smuggling. The value of the smuggled goods seized by the Customs authorities in and around these two places during the last five years are given below:

Year	(Rs. in lakhs) Panitanki	(Rs. in lakhs) Pashupati
1987	9.88	1.13
1988	9.76	1.97
1989	24.69	1.87
1990	13.49	2.40
1991	8.36	4.03

Tours undertaken by Officials of Guwahati Stock Exchange

2936. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of tours undertaken by the President, Vice-President, Secretary and other office bearers of the Guwahati Stock Exchange during last five years ending February, 1992, year-wise and each office bearer-wise;

(b) what are the details of amounts by the said exchange on each such tour as in (a) above, each office bearer-wise;

(c) what are the details of purpose/justification of each such tour;

(d) what are the details of results/success achieved in each such tour; and

(e) whether the said exchange has fixed any ceiling of expenses on tours by its office-bearers; if so, the details thereof each office bearer-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.